

**City of Greenfield, Massachusetts**  
**Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)**

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Thursday 8/27/2020, 5:00-6:30pm

**Attending:** Nancy Hazard, George Touloumtzis, Carole Collins, Phil Elmer, Marlo Warner, Jacob Frank, MJ Adams, Jay Lord, Tara Kurland **Absent:** Hannah Rechtschaffen, Mike Pattavina **Clerk:** Laurie DiDonato  
**Guests:** Lindsay Rowe, Susan Worgaftik

5:04 pm George called meeting to order

**Introductions/Updates**

- Phil Fire Station info: Owner of building at 114 Main St and Wells not interested in negotiating. Tree Committee is creating Highland Park Tree tour –some trees huge from pre-industrial era!
- Marlo
  - Fire station – A plan on the Open Air Market land that goes around Athens Pizza is being considered.
  - Fiske Ave retaining wall: Bids due soon!
  - Sewage sludge – DPW continuing to explore all options in addition to anaerobic digester
  - Main St plan...moving forward with the goal of getting it added to TIP plan for \$
  - Phillips St water main – DONE!!
  - Sidewalks: Arch St DONE! Meridian St, 400-500’ done.
  - Pedestrian flasher at Fed St crosswalk in front of Coffee Roasters moving along
- Carole
  - Fiske Ave – received AARP \$\$!! She has been enjoying working with AARP folks. The work must be complete by end of 2020. DPW will do Phase 3 (moving the parking to Miles St & sidewalk to be inside that) next summer.
  - PV for wellfield – construction will start mid Sept! In process for 4-years!
- George: Kudos on Fiske Ave! Master Plan quoted during discussion of fate of 188 Main St
- MJ
  - 188 Main St: That space will not become a pocket park (too challenging). Town will try and sell it
  - “Shared St” funding for outdoor dining beautification with locally-built planters has been secured. She is working with H&O and Green Fields Market first then Hangar, Ice cream alley, Main St. Grill. Others considering opportunity: Namaste, Thai Blue Ginger
  - GBA applying for an additional grant for tables, chairs, lighting etc.
  - Restaurant pick-up parking – 15 min parking spaces created
  - National Bank – survey to potential users sent out today
  - Garden Theatre – now fully handicap accessible, and sale of building in process!
- Jay – Just Roots doing stunning work – great growth/RE food and health research...now looking at financial benefits. They are delivering food + have 400 CSA’s!
- Nancy – Kudos on PV on wellfield + Fiske Ave. Fiske Ave project is an example of value of working with Conway school in 2012 to design some options, and then persistence! Way to go!
- Tara – Her family is enjoying the “chicken cooperative” at Community Gardens + excited about its expansion to Deerfield Street, and a third location in the works

- Jacob – Invited to and attended a meeting RE: GG/FCCPR's Housing Forum planning

### **Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

Phil made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Marlo. Passed unanimously.

### **Hope and Olive Video**

Phil created a short video interview with the owner of Hope and Olive and posted it on Positively Greenfield and YouTube. He got 90 reactions on Facebook and over 600 views on YouTube! There was discussion around creating more of these types of videos. GCTV has shown some interest but might need persistent follow-up and guidance to make it happen. Phil will make this contact. Jacob suggested he might be able to find film students who would be interested in creating more videos, and this was enthusiastically supported by the committee. Phil will coordinate the video making and airing.

### **Housing Forum**

Susan Worgaftik reported on a virtual Housing forum planned for the end of March sponsored by Greening Greenfield and Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution (FCCPR). It will focus on how to create affordable housing and highlight what role citizens can play in this process. They are hoping to get either Ayanna Pressley or Jo Comerford to be the keynote speaker. It was clarified that the forum will focus on long-term solutions, not shelters. There was discussion on housing challenges and strategies. Carole suggested pairing housing creation with skill building by training people to build their own houses. MJ is concerned that COVID-related challenges will complicate the housing issue further, including the end of the eviction moratorium at the end of October, and the migration of people out of urban areas that has been triggered by COVID. Phil noted the Energy Park now has a large homeless population similar to what was on the Common in 2018.

Announcements: Susan announced a plan for a new skate park is moving forward, hopefully to be built in 2023. Nancy noted that FRCOG has a new pollinator grant that she would like to have on a future agenda and that she wrote a My Turn that outlined Mass Save offerings.

Next Meeting - September 24, 5:00-6:30 pm via Zoom.

Jacob - Move to adjourn, Carole second. Unanimous  
Adjourn at 6:09 pm